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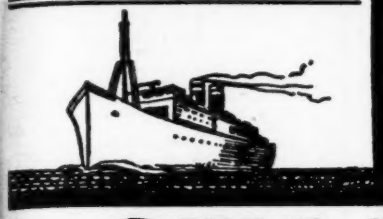

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AN announcement which had been prepared for publication in this issue as an editorial on the plans for the future is being witheld from this number because of events beyond my control.

Such changes as have been announced for the next issue of this publication are temporarily suspended, and until further notice the publication will continue as in the past.

George W. Linn.

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The Stamps of Kelantan

Kelantan, the scene of fierce fighting in the north of the Malay Peninsula, is one of the four States ceded to Great Britain by Siam under the Treaty of Bangkok on July 15th, 1909. It lies on the east coast next to the Thai border, and the capital, Kota Baru, with its important aerodrome is reported to be in Japanese hands.

At the time of the transfer two post offices were in operation, one at Kota Baru and the other at Batu Mengkebang, where, presumably, Siamese stamps had been in use (as in the adjoining state of Kedah). These were replaced by contemporary stamps of the Straits Settlements pending provision of a distinctive series; the rate for letter postage within Malaya being reduced from 9c. to 3c. per ounce as from August 1st, 1909.

Communication between Tumpat, the port of Kota Baru and Kuala Lebir (60 miles inland), was maintained by government launches on the Kelantan River, and in this connection a special postmark was employed inscribed: "KELANTAN RIVER BOAT" and is worth watching for on both Straits and Kelantan stamps.

Stamps of special design and character were eventually introduced in January 1911 and comprised twelve denominations ranging from 1 cent to $25, surface printed by De La Rue & Co. in London in a design representing the Arms of the Rajah with Malay inscription "Post dan Hasil," i.e. "Postage and Revenue," at the sides. All stamps were produced in post office sheets of 120 (two panes of 60) upon Multiple Crown C. A. watermarked paper, denominations from 30 cents upwards being "chalk-surfaced."

A small supply of the 4 cents value was printed on thicker paper than the rest and the 30 cents comes in two distinct shades.

The possibility of confusion between the 1 cent and $1 stamps under artificial light, due to the similarity of colour, led in June 1915 to the value tablets being altered from emerald to brown.

About this time the Kelantan government made a practice of selling high-value stamps that had been removed from telegraph forms, and since no distinctive cancellation was provided for telegraphic purposes, such specimens were indistinguishable from those postally employed. This acounts for the considerable numbers of used $1 stamps that came onto the market some years ago. These, however, have long since been absorbed, and it is understood that the practice no longer obtains.

Mr. Harte-Lovelase, who spent some years in Malaya, describes a dangerous "fake" of the $5 stamp produced by substituting the value tablets upon copies of the $1. This he brought to the notice of the British adviser to the Kelantan government and was officially thanked for his services.

Early in 1921 the 1c., 4c., and 10c. denominations appeared for the first time with the new Script C.A. watermark, being followed in due course by the other values up to and including $1 (January 1924). The colour of the 1 cent duty was changed from green to black (circa January 1923), and that of the 3 cents to brown early in 1927.

Meanwhile two additional values had been included in the series, viz. 2 cents brown and 6 cents claret. In their original colours they enjoyed a short life, giving place to the 2c green in June 1926 and 6c. scarlet about April 1925.

As in the case of the other non-Federated Malay States, a special overprint was applied to the contemporary postage stamps on the occa-

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sion of the Malaya-Borneo Exhibition held at Singapore in May 1922. The overprint, which differs from those used for the other States, appears to have been applied locally and the stamps were not, in this instance, on sale in Singapore. The numbers actually sold of each denomination were relatively small, as the following table shows:—

1c.	10,429	30c.	5,162
4c.	9,269	50c.	4,602
5c.	8,788	$1	2,948
10c.	7,342	$2	1,569
		$5	1,159

The solitary $1 stamp bearing the likeness of H.H. the Sultan Sir Ismail, K.C.M.G., presents an interesting philatelic problem. As originally issued at the end of 1925 it was perforated 12: a gauge usually associated with the Bradbury Wilkinson atelier. A second supply, sent out in 1933, however, was perforated 14 (definitely De La Rue); but the absence of marginal inscriptions makes it difficult to assign the stamps positively to either one of these well-known establishments.

The current stamps, dating from July 1937, bear a reduced replica of the Sultan's head design and are the work of Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., of New Malden, Surrey.

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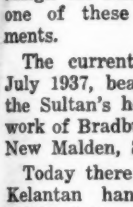

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• A Jamaican stamp first issued in 1919 and used for quite a few years provoked a lot of humor and joking at the expense of postal officials who politely tried to ignore it. The stamp shows a native woman preparing cassava, a staple on the menus of the Arawaks. The stamp however is inscribed "Arawak Making Cassava" and the critics point out that no one can "make" cassava except Mother Nature.

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Gentlemen:

Thanks for your article in this weeks stamp news regarding the stamp racket of stamps for Britian to remove dye. Our locality is about to have a house to house canvass for these stamps, and the proceeds we are informed will go to the orphan children of Britian. The American public will always give to a good cause, and we do not like to have it appear that we are exactly rummies.

Talked to a chemist from one of our University's here and he says that it would be impossible to get enough dye out of millions of these stamps to be over a drop or two. He states it is sheer nonsense.

Heard a very popular program a week or more ago, in which a little girl wrote and asked whether this was true, that these stamps were wanted and the dye taken for Britian. This announcer very sweetly informed the little girl that it was true and thanked her for her wanting to help in such a good cause. No doubt this little girl was interested in her hobby, and seems to me that the young people of this country and the older folks should be able to enjoy their hobby of Stamps without feeling guilty of robbing little orphans. That is the one thing I appreciate in your paper, you are not afraid to call a spade a spade, and this all helps to keep our hobby of interest to us. The B.19 and other such farces are certainly not doing much to help.

Got you two new subscribers this last week, one from Montrose and one from Hollywood, and I have taken a number of stamp papers and still have found none that equals Linn's Weekly for honest news and valuable information. Thanks a million, we old timers do appreciate your good work thru your weekly.

Wishing you all good fortune, I am,

Sincerely,
M. C. Stiles

Dear Mr. Linn:—

In our local paper, The East Aurora Advertiser, of Jan. 29th. there appeared an article headed "Saving of Cancelled Postage Stamps New Way of Aiding Britian". I was skeptical of the possibility of reclaiming enough dye to be of much value so when the statement on page 236 of Linn's appeared I called up the lady whose name appeared in the East Aurora story and was informed that the movement was backed by the D.A.R. and that further information could be had from Mrs. Louis A. Gillet, Beacon on the Hudson, N. Y. and from Mr. Fulton Lewis Jr. of Washington, D. C. who had investigated and found it to be very worthy.

Knowing that you have a desire to be fair I thought you might like to investigate and if found worthy would so state in Linn's.

Sincerely,
M. G. Schneckenburger

EDITORS NOTE—We never questioned the worthiness of the cause for which stamps are solicited. What we have tried to point out is the ridiculousness of the claim that the stamps are gathered to salvage the dye from them. If you do not believe us, ask any chemist of the possibilities and learn how much dye can be had from a 37c pound of stamps ON PAPER. Let the sponsors tell the truth, that British stamp dealers are again slickering American dealers by having these stamps picked up here and shipped to Britain.

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Notes.

I wonder if the 1c Akron wide Pres. bureau is scarce to many collectors.—I know the Barberton is.—In the Defense items the 1c Kirksville, Mo. and Ft. Madison are the toughies. The 2c Denver was but a supply has been opened.—I still believe that the 1½c coil (Pres.) from Morris Plains, N. J. is still a potential rarity. Meters are used at the place that used the coils.—Picked up an 18c Rittman Ohio in that integral electro type they use there. Very neat is the opinion.—4½c Crawfordsville, Ind. U—121.—½c Hale Chilhowie Va. U—121.

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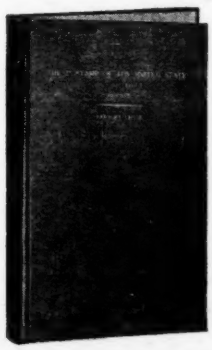
At present with the drastic curtailment of new issues, face value doesn't mean anything on stamps, the prices are whatever one asks for his merchandise. (new stuff) With the current market being a dealers market many of the good sets from the pre war period have gone up to prices where only the rich can purchase them. This being the facts, I realize why retail trade has fallen off, many of the collectors are disgusted with conditions and have stopped buying entirely.

Parke—Bernet Galleries announced that the 3rd and final part of the Edward S. Knapp collection will be sold on March 5th and 6th.

From London this week there came the new Free French printings for both Cameroun and Equatorial Africa these stamps feature definite issues and are not overprints.

A local dealer told me that he was very glad to hear from a customer of his who had moved to Honolulu. In her letter, which was passed by censor, she told of her owning a gas mask, and about the nice air raid shelter she has on her front lawn. Only regrettable part is that she is discontinuing her collecting for the duration.

For my closing, you guessed it Defense stamps are the nicest items in any collection. The more you own the nicer the collection.



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